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SUBJECT: US-CANADA MTN BILATERAL ON TARIFFS

1. USDEL MET WITH CANADIANS ON MAY 2 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF EACH OTHERS' TARIFF OFFERS. THE AREA OF NON-METALLIC MINERALS WAS COVERED.
2. CANADIANS HAD FEW COMMENTS ON THE U.S. OFFER. THEY NOTED A CHANGE IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF ROUGH GRANITE FROM TSUS 513.74 TO 513.71, STEMMING FROM A SHIFT IN QUARRYING METHODS FROM BLASTING TO SAWING. AS A RESULT SUCH GRANITE IS NOW CLASSIFIED AS PROCESSED AND IS THEREFORE DUTIABLE WHEREAS IT WAS NOT IN THE PAST. THEY ALSO MENTIONED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US MAKE A FORMULA OFFER ON CERAMIC TILES, TSUS 532.24 AND 532.27, ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE CANADIAN TRADE INTEREST

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WAS MINOR.

3. USDEL GAVE INDICATIONS OF US INTERESTS IN NON-METALLIC MINERALS IN THE SAME FASHION AS IN PRECEDING BILATERAL (GENEVA 6593). A BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAJOR ITEMS FOLLOWS.

4. ON CANADIAN TARIFF 28200 AND 28205, BRICK AND CLAY AND CONCRETE ARTICLES, WE SUGGESTED A GREATER THAN FORMULA CUT, IN LIEU OF THE FORMULA CUT OFFERED. WE DID THE SAME ON ITEM 30300, ABRASIVE STONES, AND ASKED THEM TO BIND THE APPLIED FREE RATE ON 29646, TALC.

5. ON ITEM 31200, ASBESTOS PRODUCTS, THE US HAS OFFERED FREE, AND WE SUGGESTED THAT THE CANADIANS MATCH OUR OFFER. THE CANADIANS NOTED THAT THIS IS A SENSITIVE ITEM IN QUEBEC, WHICH IS TRYING TO PROMOTE FURTHER MANUFACTURE OF ASBESTOS.

6. USDEL SUGGESTED GREATER THAN FORMULA CUTS ON A NUMBER OF GLASS ITEMS -- 32603, GLASS CONTAINERS; 32615, GLASS MANUFACTURES, 32701, PLASTICS AND GLASS FOR FURTHER MANUFACTURE. WE NOTED THAT WHILE OUR TARIFFS ON THESE ITEMS VARY SOMEWHAT, THEY ARE GENERALLY LOW AND WE HAVE OFFERED TO GO TO FREE ON A NUMBER OF THE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CANADA.

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